

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0070] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0070] ACD: An ACD 416 provides an abstract and reusable interface definition for a particular business application 412. A given ACD is unique to a particular application 412, and provides the back-end flow manager the format of the messages and parameters the application 412 expects. Accordingly, the ACD enables use of that application 412 to service one or more types of B2B requests. To that end, an ACD describes an access method instance. An "instance" is the coupling of an access method 414 with a description of the data to be processed by that access method 414, i.e., data passed to an application 412 or placed on the queuing mechanism 410. The "description of the data" includes the format of the messages and parameters expected by an application 412. One or more access method instances can be created for each access method 414.

Please replace paragraph [0079] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0079] FIG. 6 shows a diagram illustrating the structure of two RMFs and their relationship to a business application access method in order to allow for data interchange within a particular B2B protocol context. A schema 600 for an illustrative protocol "X" includes a plurality of Fields 1-4 and Sub-fields 2a-2b and 4a. A first RMF (RMF1) and a second RMF (RMF2) are configured to define particular request types for the protocol "X". In this case, the first RMF is defined for a request type "A" and the second RMF are defined for a request type "B". Illustratively, the protocol "X" may be cXML and the request type A is a purchase order while the request type B is a order status inquiry. The first RMF comprises input definition 604 and output definition 606. Similarly, the second RMF comprises input definition 608 and output definition 610. Each of the input/output definitions map to the appropriate fields and sub-fields of the protocol schema 602. In this manner, a plurality of RMFs may be provided for a single B2B schema.

Please replace paragraph [0111] with the following amended paragraph:

A3 [0111] FIG. 14 shows the BPET GUI 1300 when ~~the~~ when a process flow edit tab 1304 is selected. The process flow edit tab 1304 is used to describe a process flow model, including the type of B2B request to be serviced, the ACD to be invoked to handle the request and information describing how data provided with the B2B request is mapped to input fields supported by the ACD and how data returned by the access method instance is mapped to the response data format supported by the particular B2B request. Illustrative information that can be specified using this interface is shown in Table XV. The menu options for the process flow section of the BPET GUI 1300 are the same as those provided when the application access method tab 1302 is active. (See Table XIV).
